

T-803  
Charles Roberts House  
Unionville  
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: CHARLES ROBERTS HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: T-803

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-803

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic CHARLES ROBERTS HOUSE

and/or common RICHARD BOULDEN HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number West side of Unionville Road (MD 370)    not for publicationcity, town Unionville    vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture <u>  </u> museum
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial <u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational <u>  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment <u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government <u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial <u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military <u>  </u> other <u>  </u> vacant

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard Boulden

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 258

street &amp; number Talbot County Courthouse folio 19

city, town Easton state MD 21601

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date    federal    state    county    local

depository for survey records

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<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u> <u>private residence</u>
<u>site</u>	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>entertainment</u> <u>religious</u>
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## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Charles Roberts house, also known as the Richard Boulden house, stands on the west side of the Unionville Road (MD 370) in the village of Unionville, Talbot County, Maryland. The single-story frame dwelling, standing abandoned, faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Erected around 1900, this single-story frame dwelling is supported on masonry piers, and it is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with a side entrance and an adjacent two-over-two sash window. The front door is partially glazed. Sheltering the front wall is a shed roofed, turned post porch highlighted with decorative corner brackets. A single-flue chimney stack rises through the center of the roof.

The gable ends are finished with two-over-two sash windows, and the eaves are slightly extended.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle scale** \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References** do NOT complete UTM references

**A**

Zone	Easting	Northing
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99	99	99
100	100	100

**B**

Figure B displays three bar charts showing the distribution of 1000 individuals across 10 zones for three different variables: Zone, Easting, and Northing. The x-axis for all charts is labeled 'Zone' and ranges from 1 to 10. The y-axis represents the number of individuals, with a scale from 0 to 1000. The 'Zone' chart shows a relatively even distribution across all zones. The 'Easting' chart shows a higher concentration in zones 1 through 5, with a sharp drop in zones 6 through 10. The 'Northing' chart shows a higher concentration in zones 1 through 4, with a sharp drop in zones 5 through 10.

Zone	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	1	100	100
2	2	100	100
3	3	100	100
4	4	100	100
5	5	100	100
6	6	100	100
7	7	100	100
8	8	100	100
9	9	100	100
10	10	100	100

**C**



Figure 1C shows three bar charts representing the distribution of the number of genes in the top 1000 genes for each condition. The x-axis represents the number of genes (0 to 1000), and the y-axis represents the frequency. The first chart (left) shows a distribution with a peak at 1000 genes. The second chart (middle) shows a distribution with a peak at 1000 genes. The third chart (right) shows a distribution with a peak at 1000 genes.

D

E 

F 

**G** 

H |     |     |     |     |     |

### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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**11. Form Prepared By**

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CHARLES ROBERTS HOUSE  
Unionville, Maryland  
Chain of title

258 / 19

John W. D. Jump  
Helen A. Jump

to

4 / 17 / 1944

Richard Boulden  
Marie Boulden

237 / 40

Hattie V. Boulden

to

6 / 6 / 1936

John W. D. Jump  
\$247.00 64 perches of land

220 / 84

John W. D. Jump

to

10 / 10 / 1929

Stephen Boulden  
Stephen Boulden died 5/3/1934

201 / 105

Charles Roberts  
Mary L. Roberts

to

1 / 17 / 1925

John W. D. Jump

133 / 209

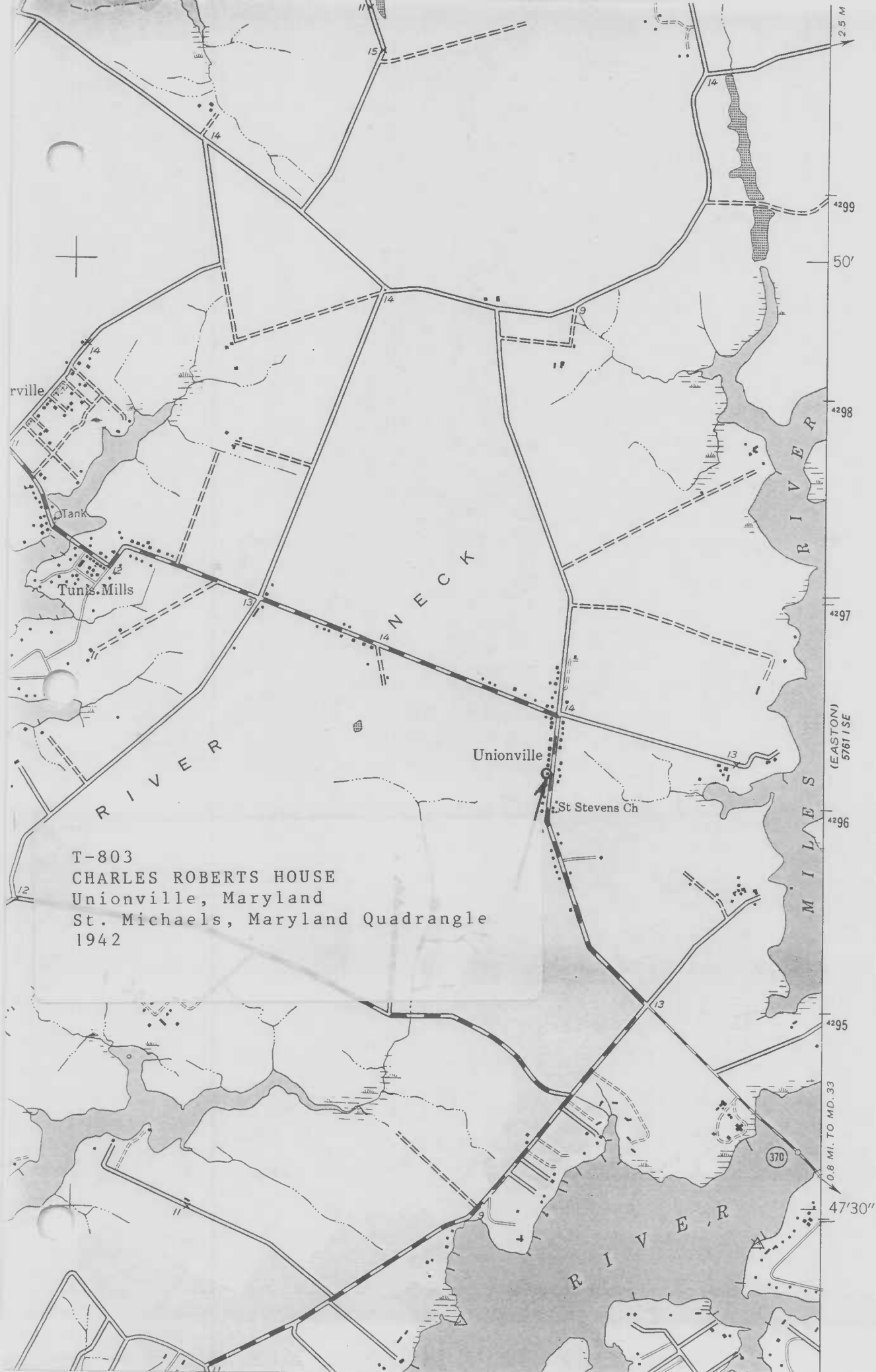
James M. Cowgill  
Lida A. Cowgill

to

4 / 28 / 1900

Charles Roberts, Col'd  
\$100 "part of Lombardy"







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CHARLES ROBERTS HOUSE

Unionville, Talbot County, Maryland

Southeast elevation

6/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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